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SUBJECT: EC AID FOR LEBANON

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1. MARCH 20, MISSION OFFICER CONTACTED EC COMMISSION DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF FOOD AND NON-FOOD AID REGARDING PLANS FOR DELIVERY OF COMMODITIES LISTED PARA 4, REF A AND OTHER ACTIONS TO MEET EMERGENCY SITUATION CAUSED BY RECENT FIGHTING IN SOUTH LEBANON. THESE OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY HAD RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM GOL TO ACCELERATE DELIVERY OF FOOD AID NOW IN PIPELINE AND THAT EC COMMISSION "WILL DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO RESPOND TO GOL REQUEST". (WE ARE TOLD CONFIDENTIALLY BY COMMISSION OFFICIALS THAT, BECAUSE OF PRESENT STRIFE IN SOUTH LEBANON, SHIPPING AGENTS ARE CLAIMING BOTTOMS ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSPORTATION TO LEBANON.)

2. PRESENT LOADING SCHEDULE FOR COMMODITIES IN QUESTION
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IS AS FOLLOWS:

COMMODITY	QUANTITY (TONS)	LOADING PERIOD
BUTTEROIL	240	BEFORE MARCH 10
--	500	APRIL 1-15
--	500	MAY 1-15

SOFTWHEAT 8,800 MARCH 1-30

RICE (ROUND) (1) 4,000 MARCH 1-30

RICE 2,000 MARCH 1-30

(LONG GRAIN) (1)

SKIMMED MILK POWDER 275 BEFORE MARCH 10

-- -- 500 APRIL 1-15

-- -- 500 MAY 1-15

-- -- 500 JUNE 1-15

-- -- 500 JULY-AUGUST

(1) RICE IS OF ITALIAN ORIGIN AND THUS DELIVERY
IS EXPECTED TO BE EXPEDITIOUS.

3. CONCERNING NON-FOOD AID (TENTS, BLANKETS, ETC.)

MISSION IS INFORMED THAT LEBANESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS HERE
HAVE RECENTLY APPROACHED EC COMMISSION INFORMALLY SEEKING
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. COMMISSION IS NOW EXAMINING
LEBANESE REQUEST AND IS CONTEMPLATING ACTION, IN CONJUNC-
TION WITH BILATERAL PROGRAMS OF THE EC MEMBER STATES, IN
THE NEAR FUTURE. COMMISSION IS ALSO COORDINATING WITH
UN OFFICIALS IN GENEVA ON LEBANESE REQUIREMENTS, AND IS
HOPING TO PRESENT A FORMAL COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO THE EC
COUNCIL BY MARCH 23.

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4. TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION
OFFICIALS, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOONEST DATA
ON EMERGENCY AID (FOOD AND NON-FOOD) PLANS UNDER CONSIDER-
ATION BY AID/WASHINGTON. MORRIS

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